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Raw Material for Textile Production
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of raw materials for textile production has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, type-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of raw materials within the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The import of raw materials for textile production has increased by 2.4% during the last three years i.e. from 2013-14 to 2015-16. The details are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. In order to increase the production of raw materials in the country, Government is implementing various policy initiatives and schemes. The Cotton Development Programme focuses on cropping system approach under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 15 major cotton growing states with an aim to increase production & productivity. Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) to protect the interest of cotton and jute farmers to avoid distress sales. The Cotton Corporation of India and the Jute Corporation of India conduct procurement of cotton and jute from farmers respectively whenever prices fall below the MSP. Government implements various schemes to promote production of all the raw materials for textile industry which includes promotion of R&D, technology upgradation, skill upgradation, infrastructure support towards rearing sheds, testing labs, etc. Government is also providing support for the production of raw jute under I-CARE project.